

## REMARKS

The Title and Summary of the Invention have been revised to make them consistent with the pending claims.

Responding to paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner is thanked for considering the preliminary amendment.

Responding to paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner is thanked for considering the IDS.

Responding to paragraph 3 of the Office Action, a reference to U.S. Pat. No. 6,611,465 has been added.

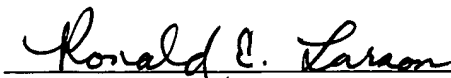
Responding to paragraphs 4-5 of the Office Action, a terminal disclaimer is enclosed with this Amendment A.

As a result, claims 12-17 are allowable, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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Respectfully submitted,



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